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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Redding – Man Facing Hate Crime Charge after Hitting Man with Vehicle**

(U) Zackary Miller, 23, is facing a hate crime charge after police say he intentionally hit an African American man with his car. He struck the victim when the man attempted to confront Miller for hitting his parked car moments earlier, according to a Redding Police Department news release. Miller is facing multiple charges, including assault with a deadly weapon, a hate crime enhancement and possession of illegal drugs for sale, police said. Four other people arrested at the house were also found to have warrants for their arrests.

SOURCE: 11 March 2019, [The Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – Nearly 750 Illegal Aliens Apprehended over the Weekend**

(U) Yuma – Yuma Sector US Border Patrol (US BP) agents apprehended large groups of mostly Central American families this weekend, many of whom required medical attention. Agents arrested almost 750 illegal aliens, most of whom were family groups from Central America who walked through the Colorado River vehicle barriers near Yuma and surrendered to agents. To date in Fiscal Year 2019, Yuma Sector has seen a 230 percent increase in family unit apprehensions and a 36 percent increase in unaccompanied alien children apprehensions when compared to year to date numbers last year.

SOURCE: 11 March 2019, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) Texas – Smugglers Test Lack of Infrastructure in the Rio Grande Valley

(U) Edinburg – US BP agents have disrupted multiple smuggling attempts that resulted in the seizure of more than 1,000 pounds of illicit drugs. In recent days, US BP agents have seen a string of smuggling attempts near La Rosita, Texas, of subjects transporting large bundles of marijuana into the US, only to abandon the load when pursued by agents and abscond back into Mexico.

SOURCE: 11 March 2019, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) Texas – \$410k in Cocaine Seized at Pharr International Bridge

(U) Pharr – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations (OFO) at the Pharr International Bridge seized approximately \$410,000 worth of cocaine intercepted in two separate, unrelated incidents. In one incident, CBP officers seized over 50 pounds of cocaine at the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, arresting two Mexican citizens and then turning them over to the custody of Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) agents for further investigation.

SOURCE: 11 March 2019, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) New Jersey – Joint Operation Seizes Approximately 3,200 Pounds of Cocaine**

(U) Newark – On 28 February, approximately 3,200 lbs. of cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$77 Million, was seized at the Port of New York/Newark in a joint operation involving US CBP, the US Coast

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Guard (USCG), HSI, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the New York Police Department (NYPD), and the New York State Police (NYSP). An examination of a shipping container entering the US revealed sixty packages containing a white powdery substance that field-tested positive for cocaine. This apprehension is the second largest cocaine seizure at the Port of New York/Newark, and the largest in nearly 25 years.

SOURCE: 11 March 2019, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) Utah – Student May Face Charges after Shooting Threat

(U) Midvale – A Midvale Middle School student may face a charge of making a terroristic threat after school staffers found writing in a school hallway on 8 March that appeared to threaten a school shooting, officials said. The 14-year-old female student confessed to writing the message, according to Unified Police and a Canyons School District spokespersons. Janitorial staff found writing in the hallway that said someone was going to bring a gun to school, officials said. The message also had some expletives and said that school “sucks.” The message, written in pencil, appeared to be something a student would think would be funny to write but police were immediately notified, although the threat was not considered to be credible, it was taken seriously.

SOURCE: 11 March 2019, [KSL.com](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Niger – Troops Kill 40 Boko Haram Militants in Multinational Joint Task Force Operations**

(U) Abuja – In continuation of Operation Yancin Tafki that was launched in February 2019, troops of the Multinational Joint Task Force comprised of Air and Land Components from Chad, Cameroon, Niger Republic and Nigeria have for the second time in two weeks engaged Boko Haram. In this latest operation, 23 militants were killed, 32 AK-47 Rifles and 5 Anti-Aircraft Guns, 1,000 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, 500 rounds of 12.7mm ammunition was recovered and 1 suspect was captured.

SOURCE: 10 March 2019, [Vanguard](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Responsibility for Explosive Devices Claimed

(U) London – The Irish Republican Army (IRA) has claimed responsibility for a series of improvised explosive devices that were sent to locations in London and Glasgow last week, the Metropolitan Police and Police Scotland said today. They are "aware of the claim of responsibility for the devices that were received at three buildings" in the UK capital and at the University of Glasgow on 5 and 6 March. "The claim was allegedly made on behalf of the 'IRA,'" they added. The claim of responsibility was received by a media outlet in Northern Ireland on 11 March and a recognized codeword was used, said the statement.

SOURCE: 10 March 2019, [CNN](#)

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